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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 54 (MAY 7, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 54TH MISSION WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS FROM LUBUMBASHI.

MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 061800Z MAY 1977. NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:

A. DDN HAS RECEIVED NO REPORTS OF HOSTILE ACTIVITY. THIS MAY BE A FURTHER REFLECTION OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S PRESENCE IN SHABA AND THE USE OF COURIERS RATHER THAN RADIO FOR REPORTS.

B. ACCORDING TO A BELGIAN STAFF OFFICER AT DDN, ONE MORE POW WAS TAKEN EITHER ON 5 OR 6 MAY. NO DETAILS AVAILABLE.

C. DDN HAS IDENTIFIED TENTATIVELY THE HOSTILE FORCES IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF COL IKUKU'S TASK FORCE AS TEH PIKOSO BATTALION (AKA 1ST BATTALION) IN THE VICINITY OF KASANGINGA (1026S/2343E) AND THE KASONGO BATTALION (AKA 2ND BATTALION) IN THE VICINITY OF FOTA (1025S/2333E).

D. LOCAL 7 MAY PRESS REPORTS FAZ/MOROCCAN FORCES CAPTURED ABANDONED SOVIET WEAPONS AND IMPORTANT MILITARY DOCUMENTS. AMONG THE CAPTURED WEAPONS PURPORTEDLY WERE A CASE OF SAM 6 MISSILES (SIC), LATER REPORTED AS "STRELLA" AND 90 MM ROCKET LAUNCHER WITH MUNITIONS. (THIS UNCONFIRMED BY DDN.) ALSO CLAIMED CAPTURED WAS THE HOSTILE CODE AND TWO POW'S. THE CODE REPORTEDLY WAS SENT TO HOSTILE UNITS FROM A "CAPTAIN FORTAIN CLAUDE CAPOLA," CHIEF OF SIGNAL, HOSTILE HEADQUARTERS. AN EXAMPLE OF THE CODE WAS GIVEN AS REQUEST FOR REINFORCEMENTS ENCRYPTS AS "BENGUELA."

E. DDN REPORTS HOSTILE FORCES VICINITY OF KAPANGA ARE CONCERNED ABOUT FAZ ADVANCE IN KASAI-SHABA SECTOR (SITREP 52
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PARA 3CLM ACCORDING DDN, HOSTILE FORCE HAS WITHDRAWN FROM KAPANGA AND IS NOW REPORTED AT MUSUMBA (0829S/2240E).

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. COL IKUKU'S TASK FORCE APPARENTLY DID MOVE FORWARD ON 6 MAY, BUT DDN HAS NO DETAILS ON HIS PROGRESS. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS MAY 7, HOWEVER, THAT FAZ/ MOROCCAN FORCES NOW LOCATED WEST OF KASAJI (1023S/2327E) AT LOCALITY KNOWN AS KAWAYONGO (NOT LOCATED ON MAP BUT PRESUMED SOUTH OF DILOLO-KOLWEZI AXIS AT ABOUT 190 KMS FROM DILOLO).

B. THE KOLWEZI-DILOLO AXIS HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO A FORWARD AND REAR ZONE. COL IKUKU HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FORWARD ZONE; COL MUKOBO FOR THE REAR. THE BOUNDARY IS A NORTH-SOUTH LINE INTERSECTING THE ROAD/RAILWAY AT 1035S/2440E, JUST WEST OF KASANJII.

C. THE STRENGTH OF THE VUADI BATTALION IS NOW 450 MEN AND THAT OF THE KABANGU BATTALION IS 432. THE KABANGU BATTALION IS TO PASS THROUGH THE VUADI BATTALION AND HAS SAMUYEMBA (0941S/2331E)AS ITS ASSIGNED OBJECTIVE. NO PROGRESS

REPORT YET RECEIVED BY DDN.

D. AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI REPORTS:

Q) LOCAL BUSINESSMAN WITH GOOD KATANGAN CONTACTS SAID DELEGATION HAS JUST RETURNED FROM KASAJI AND DILOLO WHERE THEY MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF INVADERS TO DISCUSS FUTURE ACTIONS AS RESULTS OF INTRODUCTION OF MOROCCAN TROOPS. HE SAID DECISION WAS MADE NOT TO INTRODUCE GUERRILLA TACTICS INTO TOWNS IN UNOCCUPIED AREAS BECAUSE TOO MANY OF THEIR SYMPATHIZERS WOULD BECOME VICTIMS, BUT TO RELY ON REINFORCEMENTS FROM ANGOLA, PRESUMABLY RECRUITED AMONG REMAINING ZAIRIAN POPULATION. CONSULATE COMMENT: WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE STATEMENT, BUT THIS SUGGESTS PLAUSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION.

2) SNCZ REPORTS THAT WORK HAS BEGUN ON THE BRIDGE OVER THE KAMOA RIVER (1034S/2516E) OUTSIDE OF KANZENZE BLOWN UP BY FAZ WHEN THEY FEARED KOLWEZI WAS IN IMMINENT DANGER. WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED TOWARD THE MIDDLE OF MAY. SNCZ SAID ALSO THAT TEHY HAVE NOW REPAIRED THEIR COMMUNICATIONS CABLE ALL THE WAY TO
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MUTSHATSHA AND REASSIGNED AGENTS ALONG THE ROUTE.

4. MOROCCAN FORCES: THE 1ST DIR IS LOCATED AT KANZENZE (1030S/2512E) RATHER THAN AT KOLWEZI AS REPORTED YESTERDAY. NO OTHER CHANGE REPORTED FOR MOROCCAN FORCES.

5. AIR

A. MACCHIS FLEW SORTIES 6 MAY BUT THE NUMBER AND LOCATION WERE NOT KNOWN TO DDN.

B. NO RECON RESULTS AVAILABLE.

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6. DOMESTIC PRESS: KINSHASA MEDIA MAY 7 HAVE FIELD DAY WITH CAPTURED JOURNALISTS PRESENTED TO INTERNATIONAL PRESS ("THE GREAT TRIAL OF THE YEAR," EXCLAIMS ZAIRE PRESS AGENCY BULLETIN.) AND FAZ ANNOUNCEMENT OF CAPTURE OF KAWAYONGO AND SOVIET WEAPONS. TV MAY 6 P.M. BROADCAST ENTIRE JOURNALISTS' SESSION TAPED EARLIER. AZAP CALLS RELEASE/REPATRIATION OF JOURNALISTS A "HISTORIC DECISION," TAKEN AFTER A "LUCID ANALYSIS" BY MOBUTU, INFLUENCED, TO BE SURE, BY HIS BEING A FORMER JOURNALIST. A DECISION WHICH ALSO SHOWS THE SPIRIT OF BANTOU HOSPITALITY, THAT ZAIRE WANTS TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS. (SEE KINSHASA 4315, FOR DETAILS ON JOURNALISTS' SESSION.) "ELIMA" EDITORIAL CALLS ON OAU MEMBERS TO "IMMUNIZE AFRICA AGAINST THE ADVENTURISM OF VULTURES," BUT QUESTIONS WHETHER ANTI-MERCENARY CONVENTION CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED BY 12 OAU MEMBER NATION JURISTS WILL WORK BECAUSE CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES MUST STILL RID THEMSELVES OF FOREIGN CONTROL.

7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. KINSHASA: THE SITUATION IN KINSHASA IS CALM. EMBASSY CONTACTS, WHO IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE SHABA INVASION DROPPED BY FREQUENTLY AND OFTEN CRITICIZED THE MOBUTU REGIME, SEEM NOW TO BE LYING LOW. AS MOBUTU'S POSITION HAS STRENGTHENED MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION APPEAR TO HAVE RESIGNED THEMSELVES TO THE CONTINUATION OF HIS REGIME.

B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL.

C. KOLWEZI:

(1) THE PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY SPENT THE DAY IN THE KOLWEZI AREA.

(2) MJUMBE ANNOUNCED WITH BANNER HEADLINES ON MAY 6 THAT MAMA MOBUTU PRESENTED 1,000 SACKS OF CORN FLOUR AND 700 KILOS OF DRIED AND SALTED FISH TO THE PEOPLE OF KANZENZE, LUFUPA, AND KAYEMBE WHO WERE THE SURVIVORS OF THE BARBAROUS AGGRESSION OF THE MERCENARIES FROM ANGOLA. CONSULATE COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT BARBAROUS ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE VICINITIES OF THESE THREE VILLAGES, ALTHOUGH ALL OTHER REPORTS HAVE INDICATED THAT FAZ WAS THE PERPETRATOR.

D. LIKASI: GECAMINES DELEGATE GENERAL UMBA KYAMITALA ADDRESSED A GROUP OF GECAMINES WORKERS IN LIKASI ON MAY 5 WHERE HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE TO DENOUNCE PEOPLE WHO WERE FISHING IN TROUBLED WATERS AND TO BE DISCIPLINED IN ORDER TO INCREASE PRODUCTION. HE ANNOUNCED THE SUSPENSION AND ARREST OF TWO EUROPEAN AND TWO ZAIRIAN OFFICERS FOR SPREADING THE FALSE RUMOR THAT GECAMINES FOR ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THIS YEAR WOULD BE GIVING ITS WORKERS A SALARY SUPPLEMENT. CONSULATE COMMENT:

UMBA, WHO BY VIRTUE OF HIS POSITION, IS SHABA'S MOST PROMINENT ZAIRIAN CITIZEN, HAD NOT ISSUED A PREVIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE THE INVASION BEGAN AND WAS REPORTEDLY SUSPECTED IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES AS BEING A SYMPATHIZER OF THE INVADERS. HIS STRONG ACTIONS IN LIKASI WERE GREETED WITH SURPRISE. IT IS WIDELY ASSUMED THAT HE HAS BEEN UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO MOBILIZE STRONGER LOCAL SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU.

8. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: AMCONSULATE LUBUMBASHI STILL HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH ANY AMERICANS IN OCCUPIED AREAS. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, WAS INFORMED LATE MAY 5 BY BELGIAN MISSIONARY PRIEST THAT HIS OFFICE HAD MADE RADIO CONTACT WITH THE CATHOLIC MISSION AT KAPANGA ON 3 MAY 1977. THE MISSION AT KAPANGA REPORTED THAT ALL THE MISSIONARIES IN KAPANGA, BOTH CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT, WERE SAFE. THE MISSION FURTHER REPORTED THAT ALL OF THE KATANGAN INVADERS HAD LEFT KAPANGA AND THE MISSION AREA, AND THAT FAZ TROOPS HAD NOT YET REACHED KAPANGA.

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